Visit of Iranian Delegation

2193. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Iranian delegation headed by the Senior Deputy Minister of Commerce had visited India in the recent past;

(b) if so, the deatils thereof with objectives;

(c) whether some trade agreements have been signed between the two countries;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether India has benefited with such visits in any way; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A nine member Iranian delegation headed by Dr. H.N. Shirazi, Senior Deputy Minister (Commerce) visited India during 17th to 24th November, 1995, with the objectives of exploring possibilities of purchasing rice, wheat, sugar, spices, writing paper, rubber tyres etc. from India.

(c) and (d) No Government to Government trade has been signed by the Iranian delegation. However, a contract for supply of 1,00,000 tonnes Indian wheat was signed between the Project & Equipment Corporation of India Ltd., (PEC) and Government Trading Corporation of Iran.-

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Apart from contract signed for 1,00,000 tonnes of wheat, the visit is likely to open avenues for export of other items form India to Iran.

Policy for Purchase of Urea for PSUs

2194. SHRI NAGMANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have framed any policy or criteria to purchase urea for public sector undertakings

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that M.M.T.C. and other PSUs have arrived at some agreement with international companies of Public Sector on "B.O.B." basis recently';

(d) if so, the details thereof separately;

(e) whether different policies and criteria are adopted by the different undertakings;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Import of urea is canalised through Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation (MMTC). However, National Fertilizers Limited, (NFL) Pyrites Potash and Chemicals Limited (PPCL), State Trading Corporation of India Limited (STC) and Indian Potash Limited (IPL) have also been authorised to import urea during 1995-96 as per the standard terms and conditions laid down by the Deptt, of Fertilizers.

(c) and (d) MMTC and other PSUs import urea both on FOB and C&F basis after entering into Agreements with the International Companies-Suppliers.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) and (g) Do not arise.

Policy For Import of Urea

2195. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of Government with regard to import of urea;

(b) what are the concerned agencies importing urea at present;

(c) the countries from which urea is being imported at present; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Import of Urea is canalised through Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation (MMTC). However, National Fertilizers Limited, (NFL) Pyrites Potash and Chemicals Limited (PPCL), State Trading Corporation of India Limited (STC) and Indian Potash Limited (IPL) have also been authorised to import urea during 1995-96.

(c) and (d) Urea is mainly imported from producers in CIS, Gulf and East European Countries and also through sole selling agents and traders located all over the world.

गुजरात में भारतीय खाद्य निगम द्वारा गोदामों की स्थापना

2196. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी. सोलंकी** :

क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगें कि:

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार गुजरात के ऐसे जिलों में जहां भारतीय खाद्य निगम के इस समय कोई कार्यालय/गोदाम नहीं हैं वहां पर निगम के कार्यालय/गोदाम स्थापित करने का विचार कर रही हैं;

(ख) ऐसे जिलों की संख्या कितनी हैं जहां भारतीय खाद्य निगम के पूर्णकालिक कार्यालय/गोदाम कार्य कर रहे हैं और दूर-दराज के जिलो में खाद्यान्नों की आपूर्ति की जा रही हैं;

(ग) क्या सरकार द्वारा इन गोदामों और कार्यालयों की समय-समय पर पुनरीक्षा की जा रही हैं;

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या हैं; और

(ड.) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

खाद्य मंत्री (श्री अजित सिंह) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) गुजरात राज्य में 19 राजस्व जिलों में से भारतीय खाद्य निगम के पास 15 जिलों में अपने/किराये के अथवा दोनों प्रकार के गोदाम हैं। गुजरात के सभी राजस्व जिले इन गोदामों से सम्बद्व हैं जहां से खाद्यान्नी की आवश्यकता पूरी की जाती हैं।

(ग) जी, हां।

(घ) भारतीय खाद्य निगम सरकार द्वारा किये गये आर्थिक अनुदेशों को ध्यान में रखते हुये अपने कार्यालयों के पुनर्गठन करने विषयक प्रस्ताव की नए सिरे से जाचं कर रहा हैं।

(ड.) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

100% EOUs in Karnataka

2197. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of 100% Export-Oriented Units registered in Karanataka during 1993-94, 1994-95 and so far in 1995-96;

(b) the total export made by these units during this period;

(c) whether Government is considering to set up a separate Export Zone in Karnataka; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The number of 100% Export Oriented Unit approved in Karnataka from 1993-94 onwards in as follows:—

1993-94	:	52
1994-95	:	70
1953-96	:	62

(Upto November, 95)

(b) The export made by Export Oriented Units in Karnataka during the same period is as follows:—

(Rs. in Crores)

1993-94	:	697.40
1994-95	:	678.44
1995-96	:	426.55

(Provisional)

(April-Sept., 95)